



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 666

Chairperson: Jim Jensen
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 23, 2005

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 666 proposes to amend the Developmental Disabilities Services Act as follows:

- (1) Adds a new provision regarding training requirements for certain employees of certified and licensed providers who provide community-based residential services. The Department of Health and Human Services may prescribe the curriculum for the required training and approve courses of training that meet the requirements of the bill.
- (2) Adds a new provision requiring all providers, both certified and licensed, who provide community-based residential services to develop and implement "site-specific written community education and information plan[s]." The Department will monitor the implementation of such plans.
- (3) Adds a new provision requiring all providers, both certified and licensed, who provide community-based residential services to report a summary of "critical incidents" on a regular basis to HHSS. HHSS is directed to keep a record of such reports and a summary of actions taken on such reports.
- (4) Adds a new section outlining penalties that the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure may impose against certified providers. This section is based on current law that authorizes Regulation and Licensure to impose similar sanctions against licensed providers.
- (5) Adds several procedural sections relating to the penalty provision discussed above.

Principal Introducer: _____
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